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News Briefs

Award winners

Congratulations to **Capt. Christopher Aliphath** and the **family support center staff**, who were recently recognized with U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level awards.

Captain Aliphath was named Unit Level Manager of the Year in the USAFE Personnel Manager of the Year Awards.

The family support center received Outstanding Family Support Center honors in Category II for the second year in a row.

Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the 469th Air Base Group 2004 fourth quarter award winners.

Airman Category – **Senior Airman Michael Nix**, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight; NCO Category – **Staff Sgt. Brent Watkins**, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight; Senior NCO Category – **Master Sgt. Monica Adams**, 469th ABG Commanders Support Staff; CGO Category – **1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams**, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight; Field Grade Officer Category – **Maj. Rose Bell**, 469th ABG Clinic; Category I Civilian – **Jackie Muir**, 469th ABG Services Flight; Category II Civilian – **Travis McKinney**, 469th ABG Services Flight.

Town hall

A Rhein-Main Closure town hall meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the base theater.

The public affairs office is collecting questions prior to the meeting. Submit your questions to PA@rheinmain.af.mil.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

What time is it? Tool time

Staff Sgt. Tanya Duerr, a jet mechanic deployed to Rhein-Main from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., issues a crew chief tool box to Senior Airman Robert Wehren, a fuel systems apprentice with the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Wednesday. The 726th AMS has 55 permanent party maintainers and is augmented by 100 personnel deployed from bases throughout Air Mobility Command. The squadron's tool section contains nearly \$3.5 million dollars worth of tools and equipment.

Combat Wingman: More than just a catch phrase

By **Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong**
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Do you have a Wingman? Have you checked in yet? We've all heard these catch phrases thrown around for the past two months, but have you really taken them to heart? Being a Wingman is not just about making a

formalized commitment on a Wingman card — it's about checking each other's six and going the extra mile to take care of your fellow Airmen.

Although we've put the holidays behind us and rung in the New Year, we need to remember that for many people the winter months can be a time of

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Setting Goals -- Moving in the Right Direction!

A new year filled with opportunities and challenges is before us once again. It's important to know where we're heading, and how we'll get there, as we start on the journey that will take us through 2005 -- that is the purpose of goals.

Goals may be national, organizational, or personal. Their purpose, at all levels, is the same -- they give us a target to shoot for! If we don't set goals, we don't know what we're aiming for and have no idea if or when we hit the target.

Here are just a few of our goals in USAFE for 2005:

- Facilitate OEF/OIF support through the correct positioning/utilization of USAFE assets
- Continue to expand our USAFE Cooperation Team Concept to exploit every opportunity to support the GWOT through security cooperation
- Execute Weapons Training Deployments to locations that support AFE 2020
- Finalize the structure, organization, & roles/responsibilities of our Warfighting Headquarters
- Implement a two year Dormitory Project to identify and support those high payoff / low cost projects in our dorms to improve the quality of living for our dorm residents
- Continue to mature USAFE University to identify/correct gaps and redundancy in our training and education
- Achieve IOC on the Combat Support Center of Excellence, the Joint Fires Center of Excellence and an Air-to-Air Center of Excellence, & introduce NATO/EUCOM members

We would never leave on a long family vacation without a destination or purpose in mind. This could lead quickly to wasted time, frustration and disappointment instead of enjoyment. We do a similar thing when we fail to set personal goals for our future. As we begin the new year, take time to establish personal goals. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish this year. It could be a physical goal like improving on your fitness test, or a mental goal like starting or completing an advanced academic degree program, or maybe a professional goal such as acing a promotion exam. Whatever you choose -- begin your journey with a destination in mind!

Don't lose focus on your goals after you create them. It's easy to establish goals and then quickly forget them as we react to the fires of the day. Always keep your goals in mind. If the goal is long-term, establish shorter goals that will help you measure your progress as you stay on target.

Don't give up! Some goals will be easy while others may take a long time to achieve. We may become discouraged along the way and experience setbacks in our plans, but keep pressing ahead -- the rewards are worth it!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

Tax time talk

Staff Sgt. Mark Cave, 469th Air Base Group Legal Office, briefs Senior Airman Kristin Farmer, 469th ABG Finance Office, on preparing her Federal income taxes. Representatives are available in the following organizations to provide free tax preparation and filing services.: 469th Air Base Group, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, 64th Replacement Company, Det. 1 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Postal Squadron and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Look for a complete list of tax representatives on the commander's channel and in the next issue of The Gateway.

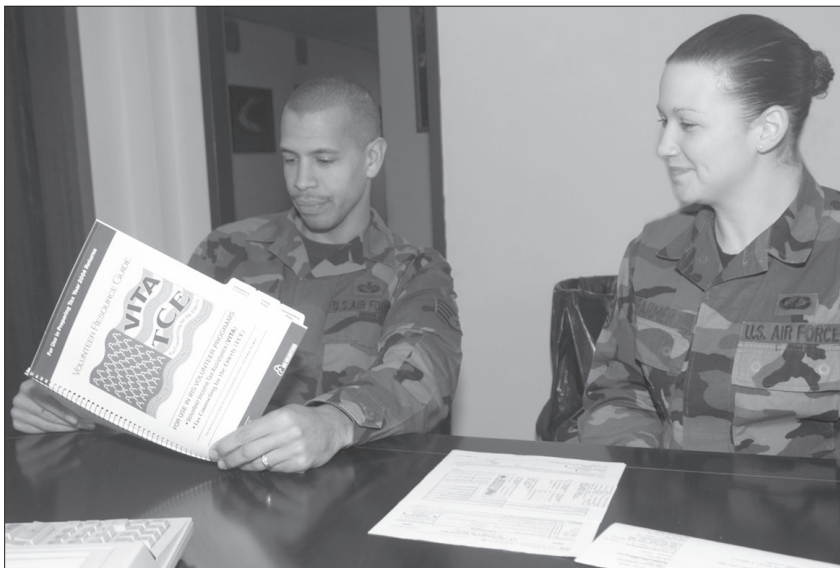


Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Base recognizes Hidden Heroes

During a hail and farewell ceremony Jan. 7, Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, recognized three members of the Rhein-Main community as Hidden Heroes and presented them coins and certificates to mark the occasion.

Those recognized were: **Maj. Russell Custer**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; **Senior Airman Daffodil Bastian**, 726th AMS and **Michelle Moore**, wife of Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th Air Base Group.



Major Custer

Major Custer volunteers his time with Rhein-Main Boy Scout Troop 64. He has helped five Scouts earn seven merit badges, chaired boards of review for five Scouts to advance in rank, helped with four required rides totaling 60 miles for the Cycling Merit Badge, coordinated transportation for nine Scouts to summer camp, and cleaned and organized the Scout Hut to host a Vicenza, Italy, troop traveling to Camp Freedom, Germany.

"I volunteer because it gives me more time with my son and because I care about the health of our community," he said.

Airman Bastian volunteers at the Rhein-Main Youth Center working with the "Hot Steppaz". She also has chaperoned all-night events, a dance recital and skate parties.

"The more the kids have to get involved in, the less chance they have of getting in trouble," said Airman Bastian.

The United Services Organization in the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal is also a recipient of her time and talents. Airman Bastian donates baked goods and time for various activities. She also helped with the setup and tear-down of the 13th Annual USO Europe Service Salute.



Airman Bastian

Michelle Moore received the award for her efforts with the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club. She is currently the treasurer for the club, where she has managed finances for more than two years. She also worked as a boardmember for the Rhein-Main Community Bazaar and many other CSC activities. In

addition to the CSC she is actively involved in the Cooperative Preschool program and as a Brownie Leader.

"Volunteers help make the base more of a community, we need to all stick together," said Mrs. Moore.

Hidden Heroes is one of U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong's Combat and Special Interest Programs.

The program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage members at USAFE bases to serve as volunteers with base and community agencies.



Mrs. Moore



Rhein-Main: *The final chapter*

By Col. Brad Denison

469th Air Base Group commander

Although many of us didn't think this day would come – it's finally here. With the turning of the calendars to 2005, we have reached the final year of Rhein-Main Air Base.

Some may see this as a negative thing, but really it's a very positive thing. This is the reason we are here — to close the final chapter of this base.

The Air Force has assembled the greatest team that I have ever worked with to accomplish this difficult task. I have complete confidence in our ability to complete the mission.

The men and women of Team Rhein-Main are a model for the type of Airmen who make the Air Force the greatest force in the world. I can't say enough about the job you have done in 2004 and the job you will continue to do in 2005.

In order for us to make it through and close Rhein-Main with honor, there are several things that we need to do this year.

First, we need to take care of each other and our families. Combat Wingman was set up for that very reason. It helps us link up and watch out for each other's welfare.

As we begin to close down different facilities and services become limited

on base, our stress levels will increase. In addition, some of us may become depressed because of the drawdown. During this time, it is vital we remain charged and motivated and help each other through these difficult periods.

This extends beyond just the service members. We need to focus on spouses and children as well. Remember that our closure is affecting all of us and we all will need support.

As we look out for one another we need to focus a lot of energy on

DUIs and DWIs. In 2004 we had 13 for Team Rhein-Main. This is almost double the number we had in 2003.

Our goal is to have ZERO in 2005 and I know we can achieve it. Before you go out, make a good plan and stick to it. If you find

yourself downtown and in a position where you didn't plan ahead, one way home is to take a taxi and use the Top IV fund at the main gate. There are no questions asked with it and it is there for you to use. Of course you will have to repay the fund as soon as possible. Many people have used this method to get back and it has proven its worth many times over.

Making a plan also helps us be safe. Practice good risk management. Take a few moments to think about the things you do. It may help save your



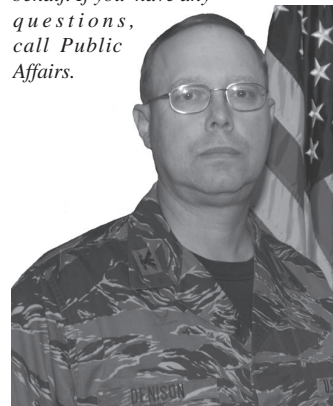
The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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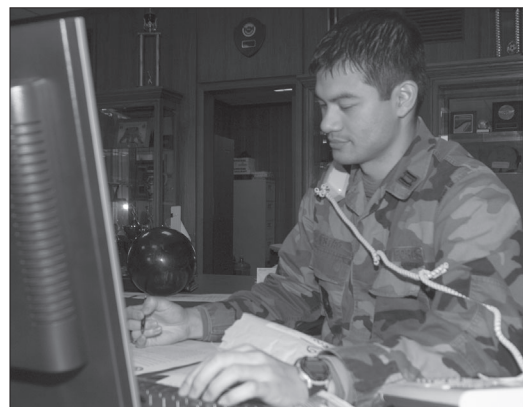
Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. William Richardson

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Command Section
Time in Air Force: 6 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 2 years
Duty Title: NCO in charge of information management
Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.
Hobbies: Music and Tar Heel sports
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Being stationed in the Netherlands.

469th Air Base Group Command Section



Capt. Nolan Diestro

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Command Section
Time in the Air Force: 5 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 18 months
Duty Title: Executive officer
Hometown: Pensacola, Fla.
Hobbies: Passing cars on the autobahn and reading American history.
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Recovering a T-37 "Tweet" from a spin.

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life or the life of someone around you.

We must also maintain our standards. There will be a lot of temptations to take the easy road or break the rules. There may also be the temptation to take souvenirs from the base. I will not allow this.

No matter what, we need to maintain our integrity and do things according to the proper rules and regulations. The leadership will enforce the standards and will still punish members if they are not doing the right thing.

In addition, we need to remember our quality of life. Although we will be closing buildings and consolidating our functional areas, we need to continue doing the Combat Proud program. Keeping the base clean and orderly will buoy our spirits and keep us motivated.

Finally, I ask for your help in keeping your eyes open for suspicious activity. With all the activity and traffic of closing the base, it is especially important that we all watch for things out of the ordinary. If you see something that doesn't look right, call the law enforcement desk at 330-7177. They will ensure that things are okay.

Everyone in Team Rhein-Main has performed above and beyond expectations during 2004. I ask for your continued effort and great work as we meet our final challenge head on and finish "60 years of airlift legacy" with dignity and honor.

WINGMAN, from Page 1 —

increased stress, depression and mishaps. Some families are separated from their deployed loved ones while others are here in Europe on unaccompanied assignments. That's why there is no better time than now to step up our commitment to our fellow Airmen. People are talking about the Combat Wingman program, and that's great. It's now time to take it to the next level by strengthening these commitments and truly looking out for each other.

Although we decreased DUIs in USAFE in 2004, the fact is that even one DUI is too many. We'll also continue to fight against suicides in our Air Force community, and we do that through constant vigilance. There are some things that are out of our control, but giving Wingman consideration isn't one of them. As Airmen, looking out for each other is a part of our core values, and if doing so can help brighten someone's day or prevent an accident or a death, then Combat Wingman is a success in my book.

Whether over the skies of Afghanistan, on the airfields in Iraq or at home station, we need to remain vigilant and keep each other safe throughout the year. By participating in Combat Wingman, we reinforce our existing commitment to each other on a personal level. Have you made a Wingman commitment yet? If not, it's time to check in!

January



■ Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey assumed command of the 435th Air Base Wing during a wing reorganization ceremony Jan. 15. Ramstein was separated into an operational wing and a base-operating wing.

■ The 469th Air Base Group Family Support Center earned U.S. Air Forces In Europe Outstanding Family Support

Center, Category II, honors for 2003.

■ Ernest Zschieche, 469th ABG Legal Office, received the USAFE Harold Vague Award for outstanding legal service civilian.

■ The 469th ABG intramural basketball team beat the 726th Air Mobility Squadron 45-39 to take the base title.



Team Rhein-Main 200

March



■ Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, 435th Air Base Wing commander, visited the base for the first time and toured several offices and facilities.

■ Four military working dog teams deployed to Rhein-Main for the first time in 10 years.

■ The 726th Air Mobility set a new Air Mobility Command

record for passengers handled in a single month with 58,334.

■ The 469th ABG hosted the first Customer College, one of U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Combat and Special Interest Programs. Twenty students learned how to fine-tune their customer service skills.

April



■ Celeste Warner-Heymann from the Rhein-Main USO office received the USAFE Medal of Merit from Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, USAFE vice commander. Mrs. Warner-Heymann began volunteering with the USO more than 45 years ago.

■ Seven Iraqi nationals travelled through the base on their way to the United States for operations to provide them with prosthetic hands.

■ The 726th AMS handled more than 2 million pounds of cargo in the first week after resuming a cargo hub mission.

■ The 469th ABG Communications Flight dialed in its third straight intramural volleyball title.

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Air Force during a ceremony

■ Atlanta Falcons stars Warren

Brooking and Baltimore Ravens

Main during a USO tour.

■ The base raised more than

Assistance Fund.

August



■ Twenty-three Rhein-Main Airmen selected for promotion to staff sergeant.

■ Senior Airman Michael Nix, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight, received the Silver Congressional Medal from Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey during a ceremony at the Zeppelinhaus.

■ The Rhein-Main Rockets finished 4-2 at the USAFE

small units softball tournament in Italy.

■ The 469th ABG won the intramural softball championship with a 14-12 win over the fire department.

■ The foursome of Thomas Hall Jr., Jeremy Long, Samay Thabaun and John Watson took the title at the 469th ABG Top IV golf tournament in Wiesbaden with an 11-under 61.

September



■ The base firefighters finished second in the USAFE Firefighter Combat Challenge at Ramstein. Two members qualified to compete at the World Challenge XIII in Las Vegas.

■ Robert Ball, a former World War II prisoner of war, was the guest speaker at the POW/MIA luncheon.

■ The 791st Expeditionary

Air Evacuation Squadron, normally based at Ramstein, deployed to Rhein-Main while runway repairs were made at Ramstein.

■ Rhein-Main children began the final year of school at Halvorsen-Tunner American School. The school was renamed in 1985 to honor Col. Gail Halvorsen, "The Candy Bomber" and Lt. Gen. William Tunner.

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■ The 64th Replacement Co

Consulate 21-19 to win the fi

championship at Rhein-Main

■ The Rhein-Main Red Sock

first place at the Kaiserslaut

2004 - A Year in Review



February



■ "Above & Beyond" was the theme for the 2003 Annual Awards Banquet at the Zeppelinhaus. Two members of the 726th AMS took home NCO and Senior NCO honors. The 469th ABG was represented in the Airman, CGO and two civilian categories.

■ Col. Brad Denison, 469th ABG commander, recognized Maj. Rose Bell, Tech. Sgt. Harold Carnley and Jakob Lehrian as Hidden Heroes for their volunteer service to the Rhein-Main community.

■ A Drug Abuse Resistance Education program was started at Halvorsen-Turner American School after a one-year lapse.

May

The Rhein-Main Community spouses Club hosted its final bazaar. More than 100 volunteers helped out.

The base clinic received an "excellent" rating during the Health Services Inspection and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations inspection.

Ten Airmen graduated from the Community College of the Air Force at the Zeppelinhaus.

Patrick Dunn and Keith Todd Heap visited Rhein-

with \$5,000 for the Air Force

June



■ Col. Denison took part in a Memorial Day ceremony at the American cemetery in Normandy, France.

■ The 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, headquartered at Rhein-Main, set an Air Force cargo record with more than 240,000 tons of cargo moved in 45 days.

■ Twenty-two Rhein-Main NCOs were selected for

promotion to E-7, while 26 were selected for promotion to E-6.

■ Pittsburgh Steelers wide out Hines Ward visited the base as part of Extreme Summer 2004.

■ The Rhein-Main Red Hot Chili Peppers girls softball team won the 104th Area Support Group championship.

July



■ Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF commander, made his first official visit to the base.

■ The flood of 2004 damaged more than 40 buildings on base and caused the AMC passenger terminal to close. The mission continued without missing a beat.

■ Three base firefighters received recognition at the Hessentag Fair for their lifesaving efforts.

■ Master Sgt. Ricky Carns from the 726th AMS, won AMC's Chief Master Sgt. Fred Archer military award.

■ Six KC-135s from the 385th Air Expeditionary Group at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, deployed to Rhein-Main while Incirlik's runway underwent repairs.

October

The base hosted 49 Berlin airlift veterans to recognize the 55th anniversary of the end of the largest humanitarian airlift mission in the history of the Air Force.

More than 300 members of the Rhein-Main team attended the final performance of Tops Blue at the base.

The 726th AMS set yet another record by processing 1,000 passengers in September of 2001.

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The youth soccer team took home the Military Community Cup.

November



■ The 726th AMS received 211 care packages from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., for distribution to deployed members.

■ The 64th RC hosted the base's final Thanksgiving Day meal at the company's dining facility.

■ The Rhein-Main Wildcats Bantam Flag Football Team defeated Giessen 7-0 to

complete the first perfect season (9-0) in base history.

■ Firefighters Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham and Staff Sgt. Brent Watkins competed in the 2004 World Challenge XIII in Las Vegas. Airman Cunningham finished 4th in the world, while Sergeant Watkins placed 59th overall.

December



■ The 469th Services Flight sponsored the final holiday celebration at Rhein-Main with a parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

■ The 469th ABG Logistics Flight won the community holiday card decorating competition and a first prize of \$300.

■ Senior Airman Jonathan Zumkehr, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight, was

selected to try out for the Air Force soccer team at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

■ Col. Brad Denison, 469th ABG commander, recognized the accomplishments of 11 non-U.S. employees. The employees had a combined total of 310 years of service with the U.S. government.



Around Rhein-Main

New hours, prices

The 64th Replacement Company Dining Facility at Rhein-Main has new week-end and federal holiday hours and new prices:

Weekends/Federal holidays

Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The new prices are as follows:

Breakfast (weekdays)

Standard rate – \$1.90

Discount rate – \$1.55

Lunch/Dinner (weekdays)

Standard rate – \$3.50

Discount rate – \$3

Brunch

Standard rate – \$4

Discount rate – \$3.45

Supper (weekends, holidays)

Standard rate – \$4.90

Discount rate – \$4.10

*Discount rate available to dependents of E-4s and below.

Customs closure

The customs office at Rhein-Main will officially close Saturday.

Customs forms will no longer be available for those who wish to sell a car to a local national, buy an automobile from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service or those individuals currently registered at Rhein-Main.

The nearest customs offices are:

Darmstadt

Cambrai Fritsch Kaserne – Bldg. 4006 on the second floor. Call DSN 348-6191 or comm. 06151696191.

Wiesbaden

Army Air Field – Bldg. 1023 West on the first floor. Call DSN 337-6071 or comm. 06117056071.

Hanau

Pioneer Kaserne – Bldg. 3 on the first floor. Call DSN 322-8865 or comm. 06181888865.

BX closure

The base exchange will be closed Sunday for the store's annual inventory.

You gotta pass?

All students over the age of 10 who ride the bus from Rhein-Main to school must have their bus pass and ID card for access to the installation.

Get registered

Ramstein Air Base has implemented the Installation Access Control System (IACS) at its gates.

All active duty, family members and DoD ID cardholders must be registered. Family members 10 years old and older will have to be registered.

To complete the registration, officials must scan an individual's ID card and a fingerprint. The system ensures maximum recognition.

Gate guards will scan each ID card to make sure individuals have been registered.

The 469th Air Base Group Pass and Registration Office, Bldg. 334, is open from 8 - 11 a.m. and 12:30 - 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Appointments after 3 p.m. can be made by calling 330-7003.

For more information on this system, visit <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/iacs/IACS.HTML>.

Tree cutting

Ninety-six trees in the Gateway Gardens housing area will be cut down beginning Monday and continuing through Feb. 18.

Trees that have been identified for removal by the German forestmeister are marked with a large red dot.

After being cut down, the trees will be de-branched, cut into smaller pieces and hauled away.

Trees around the Halvorsen-Tunner American School and the child development center will be cut with the assistance of "high-reach" equipment.

This equipment enables workers to cut the trees from the top and bring down smaller sections to ensure the safety of the public and surrounding buildings.

Notifications will be made indicating the areas where work is scheduled.

Residents should follow all posted notifications and directions.

Housing members should not park in designated areas for tree cutting.

Project managers from Pacific Architects and Engineers will be present with the forestmeister to help coordinate and ensure a successful completion of the project.

Residents should stay clear of all work areas and practice extreme caution during phases of work within their surrounding areas.

Although the work areas will be monitored by the workers, parents must watch their children closely if they are outside playing.

Work will begin at the CDC and school playground area on Monday. The workers will continue toward Bldg. 608. After all the trees are cut on the east side of Ellis Road, the work will continue on the west side of the road.

A map is available at PAE in Bldg. 152, which identifies all the trees that will be cut.

For more information call 330-8470 or 069-699-8470.

Essay contest

The Rhein-Main African-American Heritage Organization kicks off African-American Heritage Month with an essay contest.

The essay theme is "How have Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dreams and Visions Inspired you to Succeed in Life?" Prizes from elementary, middle and high school entries are \$25, \$50 and \$100 savings bond respectively. Deadline for entries is Jan. 24.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Darnell Clark.

Reading program

The Halvorsen-Tunner American School offers an After School Family Reading program in the school's library.

The program runs from 2:45 - 4 p.m. Wednesday and Jan. 26. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 330-7537 for more information.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Senior Airman David Day



Nov. 26 – Security forces received a call to report a missing boy. Patrols were unable to find the boy. All gates were notified and a pick-up order was issued.

Dec. 5 – Patrols were notified of an assault in Gateway Gardens and made contact with the suspects. The assault followed a verbal altercation concerning loud noise. Both suspects were placed in custody for assault.

Dec. 9 – Security forces received a call from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron Command and Control Flight to report an individual who unlawfully entered a restricted area. The individual was removed from the restricted area and transported to the security forces control center for processing.

Dec. 11 – Security forces received a call to report that an Airman's roommate was extremely intoxicated and kicking the Airman's door. Patrols arrived on scene and apprehended the individual.

Dec. 12 – Patrols found a four year-old child with-

out supervision near the shoppette. The child's sponsor was contacted and detained for child neglect.

Dec. 18 – The law enforcement desk received a call regarding an individual who was operating a government vehicle without identification. The individual also smelled of alcohol. The transportation vehicle dispatch office was contacted and reported the vehicle stolen. Patrols made contact with the operator and conducted field sobriety tests. The operator was apprehended.

Dec. 22 – Security forces received a report that two projection screens used to present slide shows were missing from the passenger terminal.

Dec. 29 – A patrol reported a government vehicle struck a barrier at the main gate. While attempting to avoid a barrier at the rear of his truck, the driver struck a barrier with the front of the vehicle. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Jan. 7 – An individual

called security forces to report a person suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The individual approached the parked vehicle and saw the suspect sitting in the driver's seat with an open container. When the individual went to call security forces, the suspect drove off. Patrols found the suspect and detained him for processing.

Jan. 8 – An individual told a patrol that his family member was missing and possibly unstable. Patrols located individual and released the family member to the proper authorities.

Jan. 9 – An individual reported that he suspected a subordinate of being under the influence of alcohol while at work. Patrols contacted the suspect and noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the suspect. They detained the suspect and transported him to the security forces control center for processing. The suspect was also accused of assaulting a co-worker. The suspect was processed and released to his first sergeant.

DUI/DWI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group

72 days

726th Air Mobility Squadron

32 days

64th Replacement Company

240 days

Tenant Units

205 days

Others

167 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Battle in the paint

Samuel Nelson, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight forward, is fouled by a member of the Consulate team under the basket in intramural action Jan. 6 at the base fitness center. Nelson converted one of two free throws for his only point of the game. The Security Forces defeated the Consulate 42-33 to improve to 6-2 on the season. The regular season wrapped up Thursday and the post-season tournament is set to begin Jan. 24, with the championship game set for 6 p.m. Jan. 27.

Sports briefs

Intramural results

Following are results from recent intramural basketball action at Rhein-Main:

■ Jan. 4

64th RC vs. CE – 41-37

469th ABG vs. SF – 47-41

726th AMS vs. Consulate – 45-35

■ Jan. 6

SF vs. Consulate – 42-33

726th AMS vs. CE – 45-28

469th ABG vs. 64th RC – 52-29

■ Jan. 11

Consulate vs. CE – 29-28

64th RC vs. SF – 52-48

469th ABG vs. 726th AMS – 41-34

Volleyball anyone?

Letters of intent for the upcoming intramural volleyball season are due to the fitness center staff by Feb. 1. Stop by the fitness center to pick up a form.

For more information, call Senior Airman Bianca Rios at 330-7151.

Jingle Bell results

Following are the results from last month's 5K Jingle Bell run that benefited the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program:

■ 18-29 Division

Men – Michael Cappola, 21:35

Women – Brandy Hutchison, 25:52

■ 30-39 Division

Men – Jaime Falcon, 20:48

Women – Heather Osterhaus, 42:58

■ 40 and over

Men – Michael Polhemus, 21:55

Women – Heidi Polhemus, 23:35

Racquet results

Aaron Yu, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, defeated John Smith, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight Fire Department, in the base fitness center racquetball tournament Dec. 18.

High school hoops

The Wiesbaden Warriors defeated Giessen 74-42 Saturday in boys high school basketball in Giessen.

Chris Kitterman, who scored 10 points,

was one of five Warriors in double-figures. Wiesbaden, 2-1, took on Frankfurt International School Wednesday night.

Who killed the fitness instructor?

The base fitness center, in conjunction with U.S. Air Forces In Europe Services and Project Cheer, is sponsoring a fitness game of Clue.

Fitness Clue continues throughout January and game pieces and rules are available at the fitness center counter.

Based on the classic board game, participants attempt to solve a fictitious crime. By performing cardiovascular exercise logged into the FitLinxx system, participants traverse across the fitness center game board guessing the suspect, room and weapon used on the victim of foul play.

Participating bases choose the suspect, room and weapon involved in the crime.

Grand prize is \$100. The staff will also give out FitLinxx hats and Air Force Monopoly games while supplies last.

Call 330-7151 for more details.

Holiday hours

The family support center will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Who's in charge?

The FSC sponsors a "Who's in Charge?" parenting class from 6 - 7 p.m. Tuesday at Our House, Bldg. 627b in Gateway Gardens.

Parents can learn how to set up boundaries with their children. They can also learn to teach them skills for succeeding in life.

To sign up, call the FSC at 330-7992.

Home-buying class

The FSC will conduct a home-buying class from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at Our House.

Childcare is available by request.

Call 330-7992 to sign up or for more information.

Prayer breakfast

A National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m. Thursday at the Ramstein Officers Club. Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Charles Baldwin, Air Force Chief of Chaplains.

Call the Rhein-Main Chapel at 330-7501 for tickets to this event. Bus trans-

portation from Rhein-Main is scheduled to leave at 5:15 a.m.

Manage your move

The FSC will conduct "Manage Your Move," sessions Thursday and Jan. 27. Participants can receive outprocessing tips and free moving management tools. Orders are not needed for either session.

Drop-in sessions are set for 1 - 3 p.m. Thursday at Our House. A group session is scheduled for 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the FSC in Bldg. 347.

Eye appointments

Optometry appointments at the base clinic are available Jan. 24 - 25.

Call DSN 330-4200 or comm. 069-699-4200 for an appointment.

Black Forest trip

The FSC sponsors a free trip to Triberg, a Black Forest town famous for cuckoo and grandfather clocks Jan. 29.

The trip is free, but the FSC requires a 20 euro refundable deposit to reserve a seat. Seating is limited.

The bus leaves the Zeppelinhaus at 8 a.m. and the shoppette at 8:15 a.m.

College scholarships

The Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club will award scholarships to high school seniors who have a sponsor assigned to Rhein-Main.

Applications are available at H.H. Arnold High School, the family support center and the library. Applications are due no later than Feb. 27.

For more information, call Carita Spencer.

Education services

CLEP general exams and CLEP/DANTES subject exams will be available in the base testing center until March 31.

SAT and ACT exams can be scheduled through March 31.

Call 330-7484 or visit the Rhein-Main Combat Education Center on the second floor of Bldg. 347.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Team America: World Police," (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "After the Sunset," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "Saw," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Lemony Snickets," (PG), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Phantom of the Opera," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Jan. 21 - "National Treasure," (PG), 7 p.m.

Jan. 22 - "Spongebob Squarepants Movie," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Spanglish," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 - "Seed of Chucky," (R), 7 p.m.

Jan. 26 - "Racing Stripes," (PG), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

For sale

Limited Edition "Berlin Airlift" Hummel figurine. Mint cond. 225 euro or \$325. Call 069-6500-6670 after 4:30 p.m.

Clothing drive

Throughout January the FSC is sponsoring a clothing drive for the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Items in demand (new or near new condition) are:

- Athletic shoes - men's sizes 9-15/ women's sizes 6-9
- Men's and women's fall and winter jackets (medium to extra large)
- Backpacks, gym bags and small suit cases for clothing storage
- Sweat shirts and sweat pants (M, L and XL sizes)
- DVDs (placed in wards for patients to watch while in the hospital)

Drive boxes are set up at the FSC and Our House.

Call 330-7992/7993 or 069-699-7992/7993.

Chapel schedule

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

CCD - 10:30 a.m.

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.





(Left) The clock on the entrance gate to Buchenwald still shows the exact minute the camp was liberated by American forces on April 11, 1945. Approximately 56,000 people lost their lives in the camp. (Above) The inscription roughly translates as "to each his own." For the inmates, this meant their captors could do with them as they wished.

So they are not forgotten



Day Trippin'

Story and photos by
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Public Affairs

The quiet countryside and forest area near the city of Weimar in the former East Germany stand in stark contrast to the atrocities that took place there.

The Buchenwald concentration camp was established in April 1937 as a work camp for resistance members, Jehovah's Witnesses, previously convicted criminals and a few homosexuals.

Soon after the beginning of World War II, the camp filled with Jews and Russian prisoners of war. This marked the beginning the of murdering of inmates, and medical experimentation. As a result, an unknown numbers of Russian POW's and Jews died.

Shortly after the establishment of the camp a large gate building with a heavy wrought-iron gate was built. The gate building was the only entrance and exit to the camp. The heavy wrought-iron camp gate was inscribed with "Jedem das Seine," an abbreviated quotation from a Roman legal maxim, which

means "to each his own." For the inmates this meant they were thought of as the property of the Germans and could be treated in any way their captors desired. They were mainly used as a forced-labor pool.

Inmates were forced to work in the Gustloff-Werke munitions plant, adjacent to the camp. Only ruins of the former Schutzstaffel (SS) munitions plant exist today.

Captives were also forced to work in the camp quarry. The quarry supplied the material needed to build the camp and construct roads and pathways. An example is the "Blood Road," so named for the hundreds who died while constructing the 2-kilometer camp entrance road in 1939 by hand.

The few buildings remaining inside the camp are the crematorium, depot, inmates' canteen, disinfection station, guard towers and the foundations of the inmate's barracks and former medical experimental building.

An audio tour of the camp, telling its history and stories of the former buildings, is highly recommended.

If you go...



Take A-5 north toward Kassel. Then take A-4 toward Berlin. Take the Weimar-West exit and follow B-7 toward Weimar. The signs for Buchenwald will appear just before you reach Weimar.



The Buchenwald Concentration Camp memorial is open from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. (admission until 4:15 p.m.) from Oct. 1 thru April 30. From May 1 to Sept. 30 hours are from 9:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission until 5:15 p.m.) Although the camp is open every day of the week, the museums and visitors center are closed on Mondays.



Entrance to the memorial is free. The audio tour cost 3 euro per person.



For more information log onto www.buchenwald.de and click on the English page or send an e-mail to anmeldung@buchenwald.de. The phone number to the memorial office is 036-4343-0200.